

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following paragraph immediately after Paragraph [0003]:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The invention will be described in greater detail on the basis of the figures wherein:

- Fig. 1                shows the vehicle environment of a vehicle traveling on a road, and
- Fig. 2                shows the traffic sign recognition system as installed in a vehicle.

Please add the following paragraph after Paragraph [0005]:

Fig. 1 shows the vehicle environment of a vehicle 4 traveling on a road 1, beside which there is a speed limit sign 2 and an information sign 3 indicating the city limits of a city 18. As shown in Fig. 2, a camera 6 is optionally mounted on a device 7 for directing the aim of the camera 6. Information processing unit 5 receives data from the camera 6, as well as information from a map based information system 100 and/or a traffic information system 101. If the information from the map based information system 100 or traffic information system 101 indicates that the vehicle is on a highway, then the information processing unit searches the data from the camera to find highway speed limit signs 2. Having recognized the speed limit

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sign, the image is processed in order to determine maximum permissible speed, and this speed limit is displayed to the driver on a display 17. If the information from the map based information system 100 or a traffic information system 101 indicates that the vehicle is nearing a city 18, then the information processing unit searches the data from the camera to find signs 3 indicating the city limits of a city 18. If the traffic information system 101 receives a message that fog or rain may be in the area in which the vehicle is located, there is a presumption of increasingly poor contrast in the image data, and in response the information processing unit 5 enhances the contrast of the images.